

Application No. 09/867,537
Reply to Office Action of June 3, 2003



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 09/867,537 :
FILED: MAY 31, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1652
FOR: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES :
WHICH CODE FOR THE LYSR3 GENE :

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Official Action of June 3, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group III, Claims 26-38, drawn to a process for producing L-amino acids comprising culturing a bacterial comprising an attenuated lysR3 gene.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-21, 25, 45 and 46, drawn to an isolated polynucleotide, vector and host cell;
- Group II: Claims 22-24, drawn to coryneform bacterium comprising an attenuated-lysR3 gene;
- Group III: Claims 26-28, drawn to a process for producing L-amino acids comprising culturing a bacterial comprising an attenuated lysR3 gene;
- Group IV: Claims 39 and 40, drawn to a process for screening for polynucleotides which encode a protein having lysR3 transcriptional regulatory activity by hybridization;